

ISAIAH 61

Vs. 1-3 The Spirit of (Holy Spirit) – Lord, God (God, the Father) – is upon Me (Messiah – Jesus Christ).

Because:

God, the Father, has “anointed” God, the Son, and sent Him endowed with supernatural power (authority). Acts 4:27-30; 10:36-43; Heb. 1:9 with Phil 2:5-11; Isa. 42:6-9

1. To bring good news to the afflicted. Lk. 7:22-23; Mt. 10:16-28; 23:34-36; Acts 26:16-18; John 17:18, 20; 20:21-23
2. To bind up the brokenhearted. Isa. 57:15-20
3. To proclaim liberty to captives.
4. To proclaim freedom to prisoners.
5. To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18-21 – the above was done at His first coming.

6. To proclaim the day of vengeance of our God. Isa. 34:8; 35:4; Dan. 7:19-22; Rev. 12:13
7. Comfort all who mourn. Isa. 57:17-18
8. To grant mourners of Zion:
 - a. A garland (crown) instead of ashes (sign of mourning).
 - b. The oil of gladness instead of mourning.
 - c. The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.

So:

1. They will be called oaks of Righteousness.
2. The planting of the Lord.
3. All to the praise of His glory. Eph. 1:6, 12, 14

Vs. 4 Then – When the Son completes the work the Father sends Him to accomplish – after the second advent:

1. Israel, Jerusalem will be rebuilt.

The desolations of many generations.

Vs. 5 2. Strangers (gentiles) will care for Israel’s flocks, farms and vineyards.

Vs. 6 3. The entire nation of Israel will become a nation of priests/ministers.
Ex. 19:6

4. The wealth of the nations will be brought into Israel.

Vs. 7 5. Instead of shame – an inheritance consisting of a double portion – taking all the nations of God’s creation and distributing the inheritance; Israel will be treated as the eldest son.

6. Instead of humiliation – joy over the portion granted them by God!

7. They will possess their land.

8. Their lot will be “everlasting” joy.

Vs. 8 The Lord loves justice – things will be made right among the nations.

At the same time, He hates sin in the lives of His children and He will deal faithfully with both.

Israel’s portion – the everlasting covenant. Jer. 31:31-34

Vs. 9 Then – people everywhere will acknowledge that Israel is, indeed, God’s special people!

Vs. 10 The prophet speaks in place of the remnant saved out of the tribulation.

Vs. 11 For, as the earth brings forth...

So, God will bring Israel forth before all the nations.